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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
DONALD R. RICCI, ET AL.)
Application No.: 09/744,916)
Filed: June 27, 2001)
For: SMALL VESSEL)
EXPANDABLE STENT AND)
METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF)
SAME)
February 1, 2006)
Examiner: Bruce E. Snow
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Confirmation No.: 8554

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated August 1, 2006 for three (3) months from August 1, 2005, to February 1, 2006.

Please charge \$1,020.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-1710 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1710. A duplicate copy of this

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